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Bearman, Toni Carbo. (November 1984). *Learning to Learn: The Role of Libraries and Information in Improving the Quality of Life.* Paper presented as the 2nd Annual Lazerow Memorial Lecture, Bloomington, IN, November 27, 1984. 15pp. (Available EDRS: ED 295 680).

Examines the role of library and information professionals in building a learning society for the emerging Information Age. Addresses such issues as the government's role in disseminating information and protecting individual and property rights, the government's support for (or competition with) the private sector in information provision, and the economic value of information.

Brown, James A., Jr. (August 1986). *2010: An Information Odyssey.* 11pp. (Available EDRS: ED 282 563).

Recommends an expanded and vital role for the information specialist of the future, when the information age and a service-oriented economy will make accessing, manipulating, and interacting with information highly desirable career skills. Educational reform programs designed to improve these skills and the impact of these programs on school information centers are discussed.

Fiscella, Joan B. and Ringel, Joan D. (January 1987). Academic Libraries and Regional Economic Development. In *Libraries and the Search for Academic Excellence.* Proceedings of the Arden House Symposium, New York, NY, March 15-17, 1987. 17pp. (Available EDRS: ED 284 587).

Recommends that academic libraries develop economic and political partnerships with the business community to enhance business and community economic development opportunities. Libraries can provide both physical access to research collections and intellectual access to information through their expertise in the structure of information sources. The Business Partner Program, begun in 1983 by Auraria Library in Denver, Colorado, is described.

Hernon, Peter. (1989). The Role of U.S. Libraries and Information Centers in Fostering Competitiveness. *Government Information Quarterly* 6(1), pp. 47-58.

Examines the effects of safety nets (government information transfer mechanisms that guarantee minimum access to government information) on the ability of U.S. industries to compete internationally. The need for research that explores methods of improving information dissemination and the role of libraries and information centers in fostering competitiveness are discussed.

Hill, Christopher T. (1989). Federal Technical Information and U.S. Competitiveness: Needs, Opportunities, and Issues. *Government Information Quarterly* 6(1), pp. 31-38.

Discusses the importance of competitiveness to the American economy and examines three areas where federal information policies affect American competitiveness: providing the private sector with technical information; making federal information resources available to industry; and restricting foreign access to those resources. For each area, current policy and issues needing resolution are discussed.

McClure, Charles R., and others. (June 1987). *Linking Central New York Business, Libraries, and Syracuse University for Economic Development: Feasibility of a Center for STI Transfer.* Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University, School of Information Studies. 168pp. (Available EDRS: ED 285 590).

Describes a project which assessed the feasibility for the design and implementation of a Center for Scientific and Technical Information (STI) Transfer in the Central New York region, and laid the groundwork for cooperative projects among Syracuse University, Central New York libraries, regional businesses, and area governments that would strengthen the economic health of existing firms and attract new businesses into the area.

McGinn, Howard. (November 1987). Information Networking and Economic Development. *Wilson Library* Bulletin 62(3), pp. 28-32. (Available UMI: EJ 362 641).

Infrastructures and competitiveness are considered in the context of library networking, library service, and economic development in the state of North Carolina. The North Carolina Information Network, a network developed and maintained by the state library and responsive to the needs of the nonlibrary community, is described.

Molholt, Pat. (June 1988). *Library Networking: The Interface of Ideas and Actions.* Washington, DC: Office of Educational Research and Improvement. 18pp. (Available EDRS: ED 306 956).

This report considers the role of networking activities associated with the technical telecommunication links that bind libraries, services, and patrons. It begins with a historical overview of libraries and automation-based systems and also discusses the need for telecommunications standards, activities of the regioanl networks involved in the Linked Systems Project, inter- and intra-state resource sharing, and the role of the Office of Library Programs.

Rapp, Brigid, and Marzetti, Loretta. (Winter 1989). Blueprint for the Vital Library. *Information Management Review* 4(3), pp. 49-54. (Available UMI: EJ 389 263).

Describes the management principles used by the Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Library to develop information services that support the agency's mission. The discussion outlines the steps involved in an action plan for making a special library a major focal point for organizational information services.

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